

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 26 has been amended in independent form incorporating the features of claim 15, and the remaining rejected to claims being canceled. Therefore, this application should now be in condition for allowance in light of the indicated allowability of claim 26.

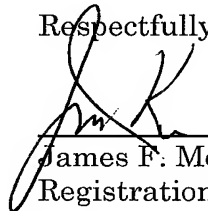
Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056203.52940US).

Respectfully submitted,

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